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TOWN HALL,

TOTTINGTON, Lancs.

21st September, 1950.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE TOTTINGTON
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1949, on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the District.

The National Health Service Act, 1946, came into force on 5th July, 1948, and from that date the personal health services became the responsibility of the County Council, whilst the environmental health services, including the control of infectious disease, remained with the District Council.

A Divisional scheme of administration was established in order to maintain local influence and, as your Medical Officer is also the Divisional Medical Officer, co-ordination of County and District Health Services is assured.

Dr. G. Crawshaw retired from his post as Medical Officer of Health in March, 1950, having held the post for 22 years. Tribute must be paid to his excellent service and good wishes are extended to him for the future.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

C. H. T. WADE,

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

1.—GENERAL STATISTICS.

Population, Census (1931) 6,532. Estimated (mid. 1949) 6,000
Number of Inhabited Houses end of 1949 according to Rate
Books, 1,949.

Rateable Value, £27,039.

Product of Penny Rate, £104.

2.—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

				Birth Rate per 1000 of the estimated population.
(LIVE)		Total.	Males.	Females.
Births —	Legitimate	81	34	47
	Illegitimate	7	2	5
	Total	88	36	52
				14.7
	Stillbirths	2	2	0
				Rate per 1,000 Total (live and still) Births 2.2
Deaths	....	116	55	61
				Crude Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population. 19.3
Deaths from Puerperal causes—				
			Deaths.	Death Rate per 1,000 Total (live and still) Births.
	Puerperal & Post-Abortive sepsis		0	0
	Other maternal causes		0	0
	Total		0	0

Death-rate of Infants under one year of age :—

All infants per 1,000 live births—68.

Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births—37.

Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births—429.

Deaths from Measles (all ages)—0.

„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages)—0.

„ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)—0.

„ „ Cancer (all ages)—15.

Unusual or excessive mortality during the year which has
received or required comment :—None.

The social condition of the inhabitants is good ; they are
chiefly engaged in Cloth Weaving, Cloth Finishing, and
in Artificial Silk Production.

Population, 6,000	Per 1,000 of Estimated Population.				Maternal Mortality Rate		
	Live Birth- rate	Crude Death- rate	Death Rate from Tubercu- losis of Respira- tory Trac.	Death Rate from Cancer	Per 1000 <i>Live</i> Births	Per 1000 <i>Total</i> (Live and Still) Births	Rate of Deaths under 1 yr. per 1000 Live Births
Mean of 5 years, 1944-1948	16.4	14.9	0.17	1.83	4.21	4.15	59
Year—							
1948	14.4	13.3	0.16	2.13	nil.	nil.	56
1949	14.7	19.3	0.33	2.50	nil.	nil.	68
Increase or decrease in 1949—on 5 years' average,							
1944-1948	—1.7	+4.4	+0.16	+0.67	—4.21	—4.15	+9
Previous year	+0.3	+6.0	+0.17	+0.37	nil.	nil.	+12

Tuberculosis.

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
YEARS	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0—1....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1—5....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—10	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
10—15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20—25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—35	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
35—45	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
45—55	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
55—65	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
65 and upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Totals	2	1	1	2	3	0	0	2
	3		3		3		2	

3.—NOTIFIABLE DISEASES, other than Tuberculosis.

Diseases.	Cases Notified.													Total Deaths	Removed to Hospital	Deaths in Hospital
	Total	Years.														
		0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	ov'65			
Paratyphoid Fever	—	—	Nil	—	Nil	—	Nil	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	78	3	27	27	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Smallpox	—	—	Nil	—	Nil	—	Nil	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	9	—	3	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria, including Membranous Croup	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Primary Pneumonia	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
„ Influenza	—	—	Nil	—	Nil	—	Nil	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Enteric Group	—	—	Nil	—	Nil	—	Nil	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Fever	—	—	Nil	—	Nil	—	Nil	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	—	—	Nil	—	Nil	—	Nil	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lethargica	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—
Cerebro-spinal Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Undulant Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	46	4	24	13	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	141	8	25	54	44	3	—	—	3	—	4	—	—	—	—	—

The Causes of Death were :—

	Males	Females
All Causes, Civilians only	55	61
Tuberculosis Respiratory	2	—
Other Forms of Tuberculosis	—	1
Influenza	—	—
Cancer (all forms)	9	6
Diabetes	2	1
Intra Cranial Vascular Lesions	5	11
Heart Disease	21	23
Other Diseases of the Circulatory System	3	—
Bronchitis	4	6
Pneumonia	—	1
Other Respiratory Disorders....	1	1
Ulcer (Stomach or Duodenum)	2	—
Diarrhoea under 2 years	—	—
Other Digestive Disorders	1	—
Appendicitis	—	—
Nephritis	1	3
Maternal Causes (other than Sepsis)	—	—
Premature Birth	—	4
Con : Mal : Birth inj. infant : Disorders	1	—
Road Traffic Accident	—	—
All other causes	3	4

	Males	Females
Deaths of Infants		
under one year of age		
{ Total	2	4
{ Legitimate	2	1
{ Illegitimate....	—	3

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VITAL STATISTICS.

Birth-rates, Civilian Death-rates, Analysis of Mortality, Maternal Mortality and Case-rates for certain Infectious Diseases in the Year, 1949. Provisional figures based on Quarterly Returns.

	England and Wales	126 County Boroughs and Great Towns including London	148 Smaller Towns (Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 Census)	London Adminis- trative County
Births—	* Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population :—			
Live Births	16.7 (a)	18.7	18.0	18.5
Still Births	0.39(a)	0.47	0.40	0.37
Deaths—				
All Causes	11.7 (a)	12.5	11.6	12.2
Typhoid and Paratyphoid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Whooping Cough	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01
Diphtheria	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tuberculosis	0.45	0.52	0.42	0.52
Influenza	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.11
Smallpox	0.00	0.00	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis & Polioencephalitis	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01
Pneumonia	0.51	0.56	0.49	0.59
Notifications— (Corrected)				
Typhoid Fever ...	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Paratyphoid Fever	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02
Scarlet Fever	1.63	1.72	1.83	1.46
Whooping Cough	2.39	2.44	2.39	1.70
Diphtheria	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.07
Erysipelas	0.19	0.20	0.19	0.17
Smallpox	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Measles	8.95	8.91	9.18	8.54
Pneumonia	0.80	0.91	0.65	0.55
Acute Poliomyelitis	0.13	0.13	0.12	0.18
Acute Polioencephalitis	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01
Food Poisoning	0.14	0.16	0.14	0.19

**Birth-rates, Civilian Death-rates, Analysis of Mortality,
Maternal Mortality and Case-rates for certain Infectious
Diseases in the Year, 1949. Provisional figures based on
Quarterly Returns—Continued.**

	England and Wales	126 County Boroughs and Great Towns including London	148 Smaller Towns (Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 Census)	London Adminis- trative County
Deaths—	Rates per 1,000 Live Births :—			
All causes under 1 year of age	32(b)	37	30	29
Enteritis and Diarrhoea under 2 years of age.	3.0	3.8	2.4	1.7
Notifications—	Rates per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births :—			
(Corrected) Puerperal Fever and Pyrexia	6.31	8.14	5.30	6.82

Maternal Mortality in England and Wales.

	Rates per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births	Rates per million women aged 15-44
140 Abortion with Sepsis	0.11	8
141 Abortion without Sepsis	0.05	4
147 Puerperal Infections	0.11	—
142-146, 148-150 Other Maternal Causes	0.71	—

(a) Rates per 1,000 total population.

(b) Per 1,000 related births.

4.—CAUSES OF SICKNESS.

Causes of sickness and invalidity which have been specially noteworthy in the District during the year :—

There was a moderate incidence of Measles with no deaths.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME.

This is now the responsibility of the Lancashire County Council.

CHILD WELFARE CENTRE.

Held Wednesday afternoon each week for consultation for two hours at the Clinic, Wellbank Street.

New premises are under construction at Kirklees Street and will be opened in 1950.

AMBULANCE SERVICE.

This is now the responsibility of the Lancashire County Council.

Infectious disease cases are undertaken by Bury Corporation under agency agreement.

ADOPTED ACTS.

Private Street Works Act, 1892. Parts 1, 2, 3 adopted by Statutory Resolution of Council, June 6th, 1900 ; came into force August, 1900.

Public Health Act Amendment Act, 1890. Part 1 (General), except Subsection (1) of Section eleven, as Public Health Act, 1875, Part II, and Part III (Sanitary and other Provisions), except Sections sixteen to twenty-seven, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-six, and forty-seven, and in Section fifty, the words from Section sixteen to "certain sanitary purposes" and the words from Section thirty-two to the end of the Section. Part II and Part III adopted by Statutory Resolution of Council, November 17th, 1900 ; came into force January 1st, 1901.

Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907 (Section 19).

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH—

G. CRAWSHAW, M.B.Ch.B.,
part-time appointment (retired, March, 1950)

C. H. T. WADE, M.D., B.Sc., D.P.H.,
Divisional Medical Officer (Appointed, April, 1950)

SANITARY INSPECTOR—

LAWRENCE KENYON,
also Surveyor to Council (Deceased, June, 1949)

J. E. MORGAN, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.,
appointed, February 1st, 1950.

ONE ASSISTANT SANITARY INSPECTOR—Part-time.

VISITING NURSES for maternity and tuberculosis cases
provided by the County Council.

LABORATORY WORK.

This has been carried out by the staff of the Public Health Laboratory, Monsall Hospital, Manchester, 10.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

Tabular Summary of the work of the Sanitary Department.

Source of Water Supply—Irwell Valley Joint Water Board.
Condition good.

Possibilities of Contamination? Under the supervision of
the above Board.

Nature of extensions during year—None.

Scavenging and Removal of House Refuse—satisfactory.

How performed—by Sanitary Authority.

Privy Middens emptied mostly by day.

The Refuse disposed of on tips and land. No Destructor.

Sewage Disposal Works—Sewage is now passed on for
treatment by the County Borough of Bury.

Character of the Drainage System—Combined Sewers.

Areas without proper drainage system—Affetside, Four-Lane-Ends, and Three-Lane-Ends are small areas without proper drainage system.

Action taken with regard to the Pollution of Streams—Improving sewage system.

Canal Boats—None.

Bakehouses—Condition good, 17.

Slaughterhouses—None.

Common Lodging Houses—None.

Workshops and Workplaces — Condition satisfactory generally.

Schools—Sanitary condition generally satisfactory.

Dairies, Cowsheds, and Milkshops—are they periodically inspected? Yes. Condition fairly good.

Regulations made under the order of the L.G.B.—July, 1907. Are they enforced? Yes.

Cowkeepers—Total No. of Cowkeepers, 53. No. on Register, 53.

Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk (other than Cowkeepers). Total No. of Dairymen or Milk Purveyors—1.

Arrangements for Veterinary Inspection of dairy cows—None made by this Authority.

Action taken (if any) as to tuberculous milk—12 samples taken, 8 satisfactory and 4 unsatisfactory.

The Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1936—1946 :
No of Dealers' Licences (including Supplementary Licences) issued by the Local Authority during 1948 in respect of :—

Tuberculin Tested Milk—

(1) Bottling—Nil.

(2) Distribution—Nil.

Accredited Milk—

(1) Bottling—Nil.

(2) Distribution—Nil.

No. of Licences issued in respect of Pasturised Milk :

Pasturising Plants—Nil.

Inspection of Food : Action taken in respect of places where food is prepared—Nil. 34 Pigs were inspected.

No. of Legal Proceedings, None.

CLOSET AND ASHPITS.

Privy Middens : No. of Middens, 160. No. of Closets attached to these Middens, 193.

No. of Pail Closets, 220. No. of Dry Ashpits (excluding Middens), 217.

No. of Fresh Water Closets, 1,519. No. of Portable Receptacles for refuse, 1,545. No. of Waste Water Closets, 129.

		During year	
Conversions—		1949	
No. of privy closets	{ To fresh w.c.'s ....	....	11
	{ To waste w.c.'s ....	....	0
	{ To pails, etc. ....	....	0
No. of pail closets	{ To fresh w.c.'s ....	....	15
	{ To waste w.c.'s ....	....	0
No. of waste w.c.'s to fresh w.c.'s ....		....	2
No. of houses at which movable ashbins have been substituted for fixed receptacles ....		....	82

Council is helping to convert privy midden into W.C.'s by giving a grant of £3 per conversion.

Closet accommodation being provided for new property :—Fresh w.c.'s.

SMOKE NUISANCE.

Any special action taken with regard to smoke abatement?
Member of Manchester and District Smoke Abatement Committee.

No. of observations—0.

No. of legal proceedings taken and result—None.

The time limit allowed for the emission of black smoke per hour—Twelve minutes.

HOUSING.

No. of new houses erected during the year 1949—

(i) By the Local Authority—0.

(ii) By other bodies or persons—0.

Due to the ill health of my predecessor no records were kept and the usual information is not therefore available.

NOTABLE SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS DURING 1949.

Continuance of conversion of privies to water-closets.
The abolition of ashpits and the substitution of ashbins.

CHIEF SANITARY REQUIREMENTS OF THE DISTRICT.

A continuance of conversion of privies to water-closets.

A satisfactory Water Supply to Affetside and Four-Lane-Ends, Three-Lane-Ends, and Cann Street, which is at present under consideration.

J. E. MORGAN,

SANITARY INSPECTOR.

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